

BEGINNING OF REVIEW

A Certificate of Need application has been submitted to the Department of Health on behalf of Providence Everett Medical Center (PEMC) under the provisions of Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.38. This application proposes to add 166 acute care beds to the hospital as part of the hospital expansion. The capital expenditure associated with the bed addition component of this project is \$72,824,543.00.

The Certificate of Need Program shall convene a public hearing in accordance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-310-180 on September 18, 2006, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the Main Branch of the Everett Public Library located at 2702 Hoyt Avenue in the city of Everett. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide an opportunity for the public to submit information to the department regarding the PEMC application. **Individuals speaking at the public hearing will be limited to 3 minutes.** Therefore, written comments are encouraged.

In order to be considered by the department, any data, comments, or arguments regarding the application must be submitted either at the hearing on September 18, 2006, or received by regular or overnight mail at the Certificate of Need Program office, Department of Health, 310 Israel Road Southeast, Post Office Box 47852, Olympia, Washington 98504-7852, by 5:00 pm on September 18, 2006. **Faxed comments will not be accepted.**

Under the provisions of WAC 246-310-160(a), affected parties may reserve their right to respond to information during the rebuttal period if they are located or reside within the applicant's health service area; **provide oral or written comments at a public hearing; and** request, in writing, to be informed of the department's decision. The Department of Health's review should be completed by November 17, 2006. The Everett Public Library does not sponsor this event.

If you are limited in English speaking or hearing impaired, a qualified interpreter can be appointed. Braille or taped information can be made available for individuals with visual impairments. Individuals requiring these services should contact Lee-Ann Hopper at (360) 236-2955 by September 4, 2006. The location of the public hearing is barrier free.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the application, please call Mark Thomas with the Certificate of Need Program at (360) 236-2931.